

OPPOSED TO CHANGE IN LIBRARY CONTROL

**Board of Trade Committee
Against Recommendation of
the Commissioners.
SAY TRUSTEES SHOULD
NAME THE LIBRARIAN**

**Declare Citizens Would Lose Interest
in Institution if House
Passes the Bill.**

The recommendation of the District Commissioners that power to appoint the librarian and other employees of the Public Library of the District of Columbia be vested in the board of Commissioners and not in the board of trustees of the library and the librarian respectively, as at present, is disapproved in a special report adopted by the committee on Public Library of the Washington Board of Trade at a meeting held yesterday afternoon. The executive committee of the Board of Trade yesterday authorized the presentation of this report to the full board at its meeting scheduled for tomorrow night at the New Willard Hotel.

Think Citizens More Interested.

In the report attention is called to the fact that the Public Library was established through the efforts of official citizens and not by the District government and that the committee believes "it is more important that the citizens of the District of Columbia shall be interested in the affairs of the library than that the employed officers of the District government only should feel concerned in the conduct of such an important institution." It further states that "the removal of all power from the trustees, making them merely an advisory board, without doubt, result in the loss of interest by citizens who have the greatest ability to serve the District in library work, and their refusal to sacrifice their time and energy, now so freely given by the heart of trustees."

The report, which was prepared by Miles M. Shand, chairman of the committee, follows: "The Public Library of the District of Columbia was created by an act of Congress, approved June 3, 1896. This law provided that the board of trustees shall be composed of nine members, appointed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia; that each of the trustees shall be a taxpayer in the District of Columbia and shall serve without compensation. It is also provided in the creative act that the trustees shall appoint a librarian to have the care and superintendence of the library and that the said librarian shall appoint such other employees as the board shall deem necessary to the proper conduct of the library."

Bill Providing for Change.
"January 5, 1916, a bill was introduced in the House of Representatives by request of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, entitled H. R. 7592, 'a bill to provide for the appointment and removal of employees of the free Public Library by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.'"

"As it enacted in the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that hereafter all appointments to and removals from annual and other positions authorized by law and appropriations for the free Public Library shall be made by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia."

Praise Library Trustees.

"It is even more pleasant to give expression to the feeling of gratitude which all thoughtful citizens of the District of Columbia feel toward the library trustees for their wholehearted service to the community as they have unselfishly and selflessly given of their time and energy, and as a civic duty brings its own reward—giving their thought and time and labor, unselfishly, to the making of the library a real and vital factor in the great educational system which the District of Columbia maintains for the benefit of the people."

"It is more important that the citizens of the District of Columbia shall be interested in the affairs of this library than that the employed officers of the District government only should feel concerned in the conduct of such an important institution. It is well to recall that the library was established, not by the District government, but by unofficial citizens, and that Congress recognized the need of the continued interests of citizens in the library when it provided that the trustees should be invested with powers and responsibilities in the actual conduct thereof. Had it not been for the powers and duties imposed upon the trustees by the law it is extremely doubtful if such conspicuous and influential men would have served as trustees during the past twenty years, or that some of the library's best achievements would have been recorded."

Citizens Would Lose Interest.

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"Under the present law the work and efficiency of the library has progressed without friction or hostile criticism, and the record of the librarian and the library force has won great praise, not only at home, but abroad. The Board of Congress has stated that the Public Library of Washington is 'the most intelligent, active for its size and constituency that I know of within the entire country,' and the District Commissioners have recently related their belief that the library is 'efficiently and economically administered,' and commended its fine record of service to the community."

Disapproves the Change.

Your committee believes that the curtailment of the powers and responsibility vested in the trustees of the library by the law of 1896, which is sought by the radical changes proposed in House bill 7592, would not be in the best interests of the library, but that on the other hand it is the part of wisdom to continue the control of the library as now, in the hands of representatives of the community whose labors are secured by their own development, and who may confidently be expected to continue their good work if it may be done under existing law. Your committee recommends the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Washington

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The Takoma Park Citizens' Association last night favored, in part, the proposition of the District Commissioners to transfer the control of the public schools from the board of education to themselves.

Believing that the proposed bill includes features which are an improvement over the present law, the organization adopted the report of its committee on education, which favors these changes, "provided the bill can be so worded as to protect effectively teachers and all other employees of the District school system from the influence of politics, either party or municipal."

After carefully considering the proposition of the Commissioners and the arguments before the subcommittee on education of the House District committee recently of both District officials and the members of the board of education, the committee on education submitted its report at a special meeting held in the Takoma Park branch of the Washington Public Library, 5th and Cedar streets northwest.

Committee's Recommendations.

The report was presented by H. C. Gore, chairman of the committee, the other members of the committee being Dr. D. N. Shoemaker, Homer Skeels and William F. Wight, all of whom were present and took part in the discussion which followed the reading of the report and its recommendations.

The report stated that the features of the proposed legislation which the committee favors are: "The removal from the Supreme Court of the District of the power of the appointment of the board of education and executive function. The vesting of it in the hands of the executive officers of the District, thus centering control of all school, executive and administrative authority under one head."

"The reduction in the number of members of the board of education from nine to five members. The committee, however, disagreed with the recommendation of the Commissioners to reduce the board of education to five members, as is the practice in the majority of cities comparable to Washington."

The committee approved that the appointment of all teachers be made by the board of education on the recommendation of the superintendent, as is the practice in the majority of cities comparable to Washington."

Report Is Adopted.

On motion of Homer Skeels, a member of the committee, the report was adopted and copies were ordered sent to the District Commissioners and the House and Senate District committees. Following the reading of the report a lengthy discussion took place. F. B. Linton favored keeping the schools out of politics. He said the teachers would come to fear possible changes in the public schools when new Commissioners came in, similar to the former feeling of federal employees when presidential administrations changed.

Robert L. Lerch said that if there was one system in the District of Columbia

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Reasons for Referendum.

J. H. Arnold remarked that the fact that the people were to vote on the subject would set them to thinking and force them to become posted on District affairs. He thought it would be a wise thing to bring the question of voting up to the people. He favored residents of the District having a vote on local affairs.

James W. Dyre, a former president of the association, said he did not think Congress would give a referendum on the one question of prohibition. If all questions affecting the District could be voted on in this manner, he said, something would be accomplished.

President Wilmer G. Platt, taking the floor, said the people of the District have wanted a vote for many years. "I am sure that if the question is put up to Congress the majority of the members would be in favor of it."

F. B. Linton thought that the proposition would tend to delay action and that the residents of the District would not get the referendum, but would get delay.

Rev. Thomas C. Clarke, pastor of Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, declared the delay, in his opinion, favored the liquor interests. He opposed the referendum.

President Platt then called for a vote on the referendum. The result was seven in favor of it and twelve opposed. Mr. Dyre then moved that the delegates be instructed to vote against the referendum. The result was twelve yeas and two nays.

The association left the matter of admitting new associations of less than one year's existence into the Federation of Citizens' Associations optional with the delegates.

H. L. Thornton of the street committee

reported that he had investigated the condition of the streets and walks in Chillum Castle Manor, as directed by the association, following the receipt of a petition from property owners in that section, and on his recommendation the District Commissioners will be requested to make temporary repairs to the thoroughfares in that section.

Frigate Constitution as Memorial.

Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire has introduced a resolution asking the Secretary of the Navy to report on the cost of restoring the frigate Constitution, now lying in the Boston harbor, as a memorial.

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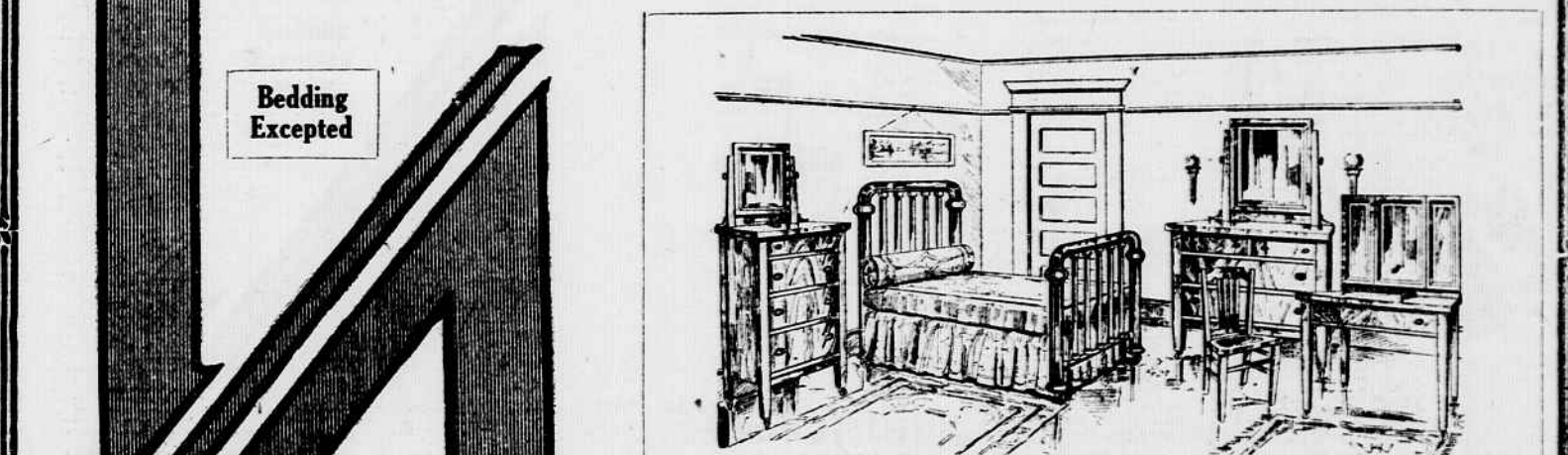
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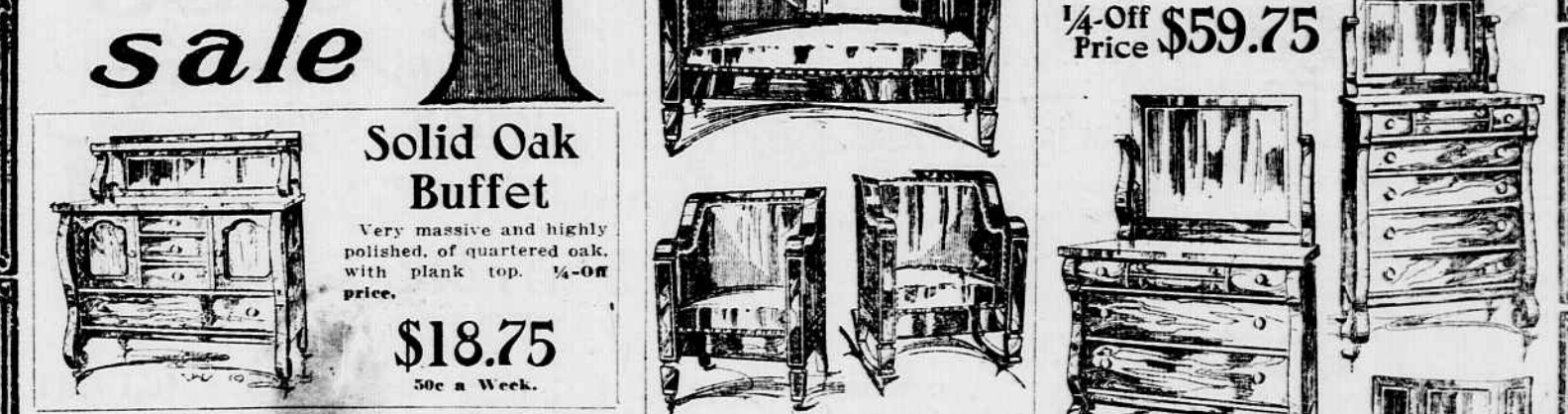
The February Furniture Sale That's Saving Throngs of Washington Folk 25c of Every Dollar

Every six months for the past fifteen years you have seen this big One-Fourth Off Sign and read its message of genuine and generous savings. Folks had faith in these sales from the very start because they were built on TRUTH. And since the beginning we have worked hard to keep these Quarter-Off Sales above reproach. The saving of 25% is a bona fide one—the stocks you choose from are our good, fine, regular stocks—nothing undesirable—no odds and ends that one finds in so many Semi-Annual Furniture Clearance Sales. You'll find every piece of furniture marked with a plain OPEN-FACE price tag—from which you are welcome to deduct ONE-FOURTH.



A Charming 5-Piece Bedroom Outfit.
We've gone the limit in value giving here. Can you imagine buying a whole room full of furniture—GOOD, GUARANTEED Furniture—for a sum like \$39.75? That's just what you are offered in this handsome suite, which consists of a Massive Brass Bed, with two-inch continuous posts, a Golden Oak or Mahogany Dresser, Toilet Table and Chair, and a Cane Seat Side Chair to match. You must see it with your own eyes in order to appreciate the bargain—gain you are offered. Each piece exactly as sketched. 1/4-off Price. **\$39.75**

This Three-Piece Colonial Bedroom Suite
1/4-Off \$59.75
Price \$59.75



Solid Oak Buffet
Very massive and highly polished, of quartered oak, with plank top. 1/4-off price. **\$18.75**
50c a Week.



This Large Metal Bed
25c a Week
Two-inch continuous post design, with sturdy fillers. Finished in white enamel. 1/4-off Price. **\$3.59**



Genuine Spanish Leather Suite
1/4-Off Price **\$51.65**
A Massive Library or Living Room Suite, of mahogany, with GENUINE SPANISH LEATHER seat and back. Sofa, Armchair and Rocker, like picture.

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News From the Home of the Coffee Bean

Mr. Frank G. Carpenter, noted correspondent, writing from Santos, Brazil, said to be the chief coffee port of the world—in an article in the Los Angeles Times of Oct. 30th, 1915, says:

"The people here believe in coffee. They talk nothing else and as they talk they drink. They drink so much of this beverage that they grow sallow, and the muscles of their faces twitch continuously. When one of them sits in a chair, resting his toes on the floor, his knees bob up and down with nervousness, and the whole system seems afflicted with St. Vitus' Dance."

Very interesting!

And what, pray, is there in coffee that makes people sallow and nervous? The drug, caffeine—about 2½ grains to the average cup—a powerful irritant of the nerves and delicate tissues of the body.

Of course not everybody is affected so severely. But caffeine is a cumulative poison, and sooner or later it gets in its work with many users—slowly with some, faster with others.

Is it wise to tamper with such a menace to health? By far the better way is to leave coffee alone, and for a pleasant, delicious table beverage use

INSTANT POSTUM
—the pure food-drink.

Postum is made from prime wheat, roasted with a small portion of wholesome molasses, and contains no drug or harmful substance whatever—only the goodness of the grain.

There are two kinds of Postum. The original Postum Cereal, which requires boiling; and Instant Postum, the soluble form, which is made in the cup with hot water—**instantly!** They are equally delicious, cost about the same per cup, and both are good for the nerves, good for the general health.

"There's a Reason"
Send two-cent stamp to Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., at Battle Creek, Mich., for 5-cup sample tin of Instant Postum.

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